

the civil and criminal jurisdiction of the county courts of Matagorda, Live Oak, Atacosa, Donley and Archer counties, and to conform the jurisdiction of the district courts of said counties to such change," was taken up and read the third time.

On motion of Senator Stratton, the pending bill was ordered to lie on the table, subject to call, and, by unanimous consent, House bill No. 155, "An act to diminish the civil and criminal jurisdiction of the county courts of Matagorda, Camp, Houston, Mason, Kerr, San Patricio, Live Oak, Donley and Young counties," was taken up out of regular order.

On motion of Senator Matlock, the rules were suspended to put the bill on its second reading by the following vote:

YEAS—23.

Buchanan,	Getzendaner,	Matlock,
Chesley,	Gibbs,	Peacock,
Collins,	Gooch,	Perry,
Davis,	Harris,	Randolph,
Evans,	Houston,	Shannon,
Farrar,	Johnson of Collin,	Stratton,
Fleming,	Kleberg,	Taylor.
Fowler,	Martin,	

NAYS—1.

Pfeuffer.

Bill read second time, and committee amendment adopted.

Senator Pfeuffer offered to amend by inserting "Comal county."

Adopted.

Senator Kleberg offered to amend so as to include the counties of Wilson and Atascosa.

Adopted, and bill ordered engrossed.

On motion of Senator Collins, rules were suspended to place the bill on its third reading by the following vote:

YEAS—24.

Buchanan,	Gibbs,	Peacock,
Chesley,	Gooch,	Perry,
Collins,	Harris,	Pfeuffer,
Davis,	Houston,	Randolph,
Evans,	Johnson of Collin,	Shannon,
Farrar,	Kleberg,	Stratton,
Fowler,	Martin,	Terrell,
Getzendaner,	Matlock,	Taylor.

NAYS—none.

Bill read third time and passed by the following vote:

YEAS—24.

Buchanan,	Gibbs,	Peacock,
Collins,	Gooch,	Perry,
Davis,	Harris,	Pfeuffer,
Evans,	Houston,	Randolph,
Farrar,	Johnson of Collin,	Shannon,
Fleming,	Kleberg,	Stratton,
Fowler,	Martin,	Terrell,
Getzendaner,	Matlock,	Taylor.

NAYS—none.

Senator Davis moved to call up Senator Gooch's motion to reconsider the vote on the passage of Senate bill No. 320.

Adopted.

Motion to reconsider lost.

Senate bill No. 280, "An act to regulate the duties of telegraph companies, and to prescribe a penalty for the violation of the same," was taken up, read third time, and, on motion of Senator Chesley, was ordered to lie on the table subject to call.

Substitute for House joint resolutions Nos. 4, 10, 11 and 13, "To amend section 3, article 7, of the Constitution of the State of Texas," was taken up, read second time, and committee amendments adopted.

On motion of Senator Gibbs, further consideration of the resolution was postponed until 5 o'clock this afternoon.

Substitute for House joint resolutions Nos. 6, 8 and 27, "Amending section 9, article 8, of the Constitution of the State of Texas," was taken up, read second time, and committee amendment adopted.

Senator Fleming moved to amend by striking out "already incurred," and inserting "incurred prior to the adoption of this amendment."

Adopted.

Senator Davis moved a call of the Senate.

Call sustained.

Roll called. Absent, Senators Johnston of Shelby, Patton and Cooper.

Pending business went to the table.

Substitute for House joint resolutions Nos. 12, 19, 21 and 31, "Amending sections 4 and 6, of article 7, of the Constitution of the State of Texas," was taken up and read second time.

Senator Fleming moved to postpone the pending House joint resolution, and that 100 copies of it and each of the House joint resolutions on the President's table be printed before further action be had on the same.

Adopted.

Senator Cooper, chairman of Committee on Enrolled Bills, submitted the following reports:

COMMITTEE ROOM,
AUSTIN, March 8, 1883.

Hon. Marion Martin, President of the Senate:

Your Committee on Enrolled Bills have carefully examined and compared Senate bill No. 245, being "An act to amend sections 7, 14, 21, 33, 36, 40 and 45 of 'an act incorporating the city of Houston, in Harris county, approved April 21, A. D. 1879, and sections 23 and 31 of said act, as amended by an act of the Legislature of the State of Texas, approved March 9, A. D. 1881, and substituting the following sections therefor," and find the same correctly enrolled, and have this day, at 3:55 o'clock p. m., presented the same to the Governor for his approval.

COOPER, Chairman.

COMMITTEE ROOM,
AUSTIN, March 8, 1883.

Hon. Marion Martin, President of the Senate:

Your Committee on Enrolled Bills have carefully examined and compared Senate bill No. 291, being "An act for the relief of J. W. Chowning, H. Chowning, J. R. Sumner, W. P. Bean, R. F. Jones, J. A. Creager, J. P. Wilson, George W. Darby, C. M. Byars, J. A. Stringley, T. W. Linkhart & Co., T. W. Robinson and Uel Musick, deceased," and find the same correctly enrolled, and have this day, at 3:55 o'clock p. m., presented the same to the Governor for his approval.

COOPER, Chairman.

On motion Senator Davis, the Senate adjourned until 10 a. m. to-morrow.

FIFTIETH DAY.

SENATE CHAMBER,
AUSTIN, TEXAS, March 9, 1883. }

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Senator Houston, President pro tem., in the chair.

Roll called. Quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Upon motion of Senator Matlock, the reading of the journal of yesterday was dispensed with, and the same adopted.

Senator Fowler presented a petition from citizens of Bastrop and Fayette counties, asking the Legislature to submit to the vote of the people an amendment to the Constitution, prohibiting the sale, manufacture or importation of liquors as a beverage.

Referred to Committee on Constitutional Amendments. Senator Buchanan, for Senator Evans, presented a petition from many citizens of Texas, asking the submission to the people of a constitutional amendment prohibiting the sale and importation of intoxicating liquors in Texas.

Referred to Committee on Constitutional Amendments. Senator Davis, for Committee on Engrossed Bills, submitted the following report:

COMMITTEE ROOM,
AUSTIN, March 9, 1883.

Hon. Marion Martin, President of the Senate:

Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared Senate bill No. 320, being "An act to authorize the councils of certain cities and towns to appoint a board of school trustees," and find the same correctly engrossed.

DAVIS, for Committee.

Senator Johnson of Collin introduced a bill to be entitled "An act to amend title 48, chapter 3, article 2763, of the Revised Civil Statutes, and fixing the bond of the State Treasurer at five hundred thousand dollars."

Referred to Committee on State Affairs.

Senator Terrell, chairman of Judiciary Committee No. 1, submitted the following report:

COMMITTEE ROOM,
AUSTIN, March 9, 1883.

Hon. Marion Martin, President of the Senate:

Your Judiciary Committee No. 1, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 336, have considered the same, and instruct me to report the same back with the recommendation that it do pass.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

TERRELL, Chairman.

On motion of Senator Terrell, 100 copies of Senate bill No. 336, just reported, were ordered printed.

Senator Gooch made the motion that in consideration of the fact that to-day concludes the sixty days contemplated in the Constitution, as the length of the session of the Legislature, and many of the members had arranged their affairs at home to return at the end of the sixty days, now terminated, and it is necessary for them to return home for a few days to make preparations to come back and serve in the Legislature until they shall decide to adjourn, that the Senate stand adjourned till Tuesday morning next at ten o'clock.

Motion temporarily withdrawn.

Senator Buchanan moved that Senator Johnson of Collin be excused indefinitely, on account of important business, and that Senators Randolph and Shannon be excused until Thursday next.

Adopted.

A message was received from the House announcing that that body refuses to pass Senate bill No. 9, "An act to amend articles 730 and 731 of the Code of Criminal Procedure."

And Senate bill No. 4, "An act to amend title 9, chapter 3, of the Penal Code of the State of Texas, by adding thereto another article, to be numbered article 317a."

And has passed House bill No. 527, "An act to repeal an act prescribing the place for the sale of property under legal process and deeds of trust in Marion county," approved January 25, 1875."

And House bill No. 528, "An act to make null and void all sales of land illegally and fraudulently made under an act to provide for the sale of the alternate sections of land in organized counties, as surveyed by railroad companies, and other works of internal improvement, and set apart for the benefit of the common school fund," approved July 8, 1879, and an act amendatory thereof, approved April 6, 1881."

Senator Harris moved to adjourn till Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock.

Senator Gibbs moved to substitute for the motion of Senator Harris, the motion to adjourn at 11 o'clock to-day until Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock.

Substitute motion lost by the following vote:

YEAS—12

Buchanan,
Cooper,
Fowler,
Gooch,

Harris,
Houston,
Johnston of Shelby,
Martin,

Peacock,
Perry,
Randolph,
Terrell.

NAYS—12.

Chesley,
Collins,
Davis,
Farrar,

Getzendaner,
Gibbs,
Johnson of Collin,
Kleberg,

Patton,
Pfeiffer,
Pope,
Stratton.

Senator Harris' motion was adopted by the following vote:

YEAS—15.

Buchanan,
Collins,
Cooper,
Fowler,
Gooch,

Harris,
Houston,
Johnston of Shelby,
Jones,
Matlock,

Peacock,
Perry,
Pope,
Randolph,
Terrell.

NAYS—10.

Chesley,
Davis,
Farrar,
Getzendaner,

Gibbs,
Johnson of Collin,
Kleberg,

Patton,
Pfeiffer,
Stratton.

And the Senate adjourned until Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock.

FIFTY-FIRST DAY.

SENATE CHAMBER,)
AUSTIN, TEXAS, March 13, 1883. }

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

President pro tem. in the chair.

Roll called. No quorum present.

On motion of Senator Buchanan, the Senate adjourned till 10 o'clock a. m. to-morrow.

FIFTY-SECOND DAY.

SENATE CHAMBER,)
AUSTIN, TEXAS, March 14, 1883. }

Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

President pro tem. in the chair.

Roll called. Quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

On motion of Senator Davis, Mr. J. H. Kirby, Callender Clerk, was indefinitely excused, on account of sickness.

On motion of Senator Buchanan, Senator Gooch was excused till Friday next, on account of the death of his brother.

On motion of Senator Gibbs, Senator Farrar was excused till to-morrow evening, on account of important business.

On motion of Senator Traylor, Senator Fleming was excused till to-morrow, on account of important business.

Senator Chesley presented a petition from the citizens of Independence, Texas, and of the students of Baylor University and Baylor Female College, asking for the submission of a constitutional amendment prohibiting the manufacture and sale of alcoholic liquors.

Referred to Committee on Constitutional Amendments.

Senator Fowler presented a petition of citizens of this State, requesting this Legislature to submit to the vote of the people a constitutional amendment prohibiting the im-